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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 STEVEN GREGORY WILLIAMS,) No. C 13-5213 LHK (PR)
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12 Plaintiff,) ORDER DENYING MOTION
13 v.) FOR APPOINTMENT OF
14 LORI KOHLER, et al.,) COUNSEL
15 Defendants.)
_____) (Docket No. 5)

16 On November 8, 2013, plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, filed a civil rights
17 complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On November 29, 2013, plaintiff filed a motion for
18 appointment of counsel. (Docket No. 5.) Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is
19 **DENIED** for want of exceptional circumstances. *See Rand v. Rowland*, 113 F.3d 1520, 1525
20 (9th Cir. 1997); *see also Lassiter v. Dep't of Social Services*, 452 U.S. 18, 25 (1981) (there is no
21 constitutional right to counsel in a civil case). This denial is without prejudice to the court's *sua*
22 *sponte* appointment of counsel at a future date should the circumstances of this case warrant such
23 appointment.

24 This order terminates docket number 5.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 DATED: 12/11/13

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LUCY H. KOH
United States District Judge